

Grant Comments

To: OHV Commission
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I would like to take this opportunity comment on the grant requests submitted for Operations and Maintenance and Education and Safety by the California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) and the Stewards of the Sierra National Forest (SOTSNF). I have watched the SOTSNF group start from the ground up with nothing more than an idea to help the Sierra National Forest (SNF) with road and trail maintenance and repair, and to help educate the public in how to take care of their public lands in a sustainable fashion.

The SOTSNF group in just a short time has quickly become a very large group of volunteer minded people coming from all aspect of the recreational public who use the SNF. This group has also come to realize that the United States Forest Service (USFS) has had large restraints put on them by the leaders of our great nation. This group of hard working ordinary citizens who volunteer their time on a consistent basis to help the SNF should be given the opportunity to expand and interact with other volunteer groups to help the USFS to maintain a healthy road and trail system for the public to enjoy today and into the unforeseeable future.

There many who believe it would be in the best interest for the people of the Great State of California and all those who visit our State to come and enjoy our diverse recreational opportunities for the OHV Commission to approve this grant. It would also show the people of this great state that the OHV Commission is working hard in a positive direction to use their green sticker money to improve the limited amount of resources left available for the owners of our public lands, we the public.

I wish to also take this time to thank the OHV Commission for all of the hard work and long hours you have put into getting the OLGA system up and working and making it much easier for the public to be able to participate in the grant process that our green sticker tax dollars fund.

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